





# FABIAN SOCIETY

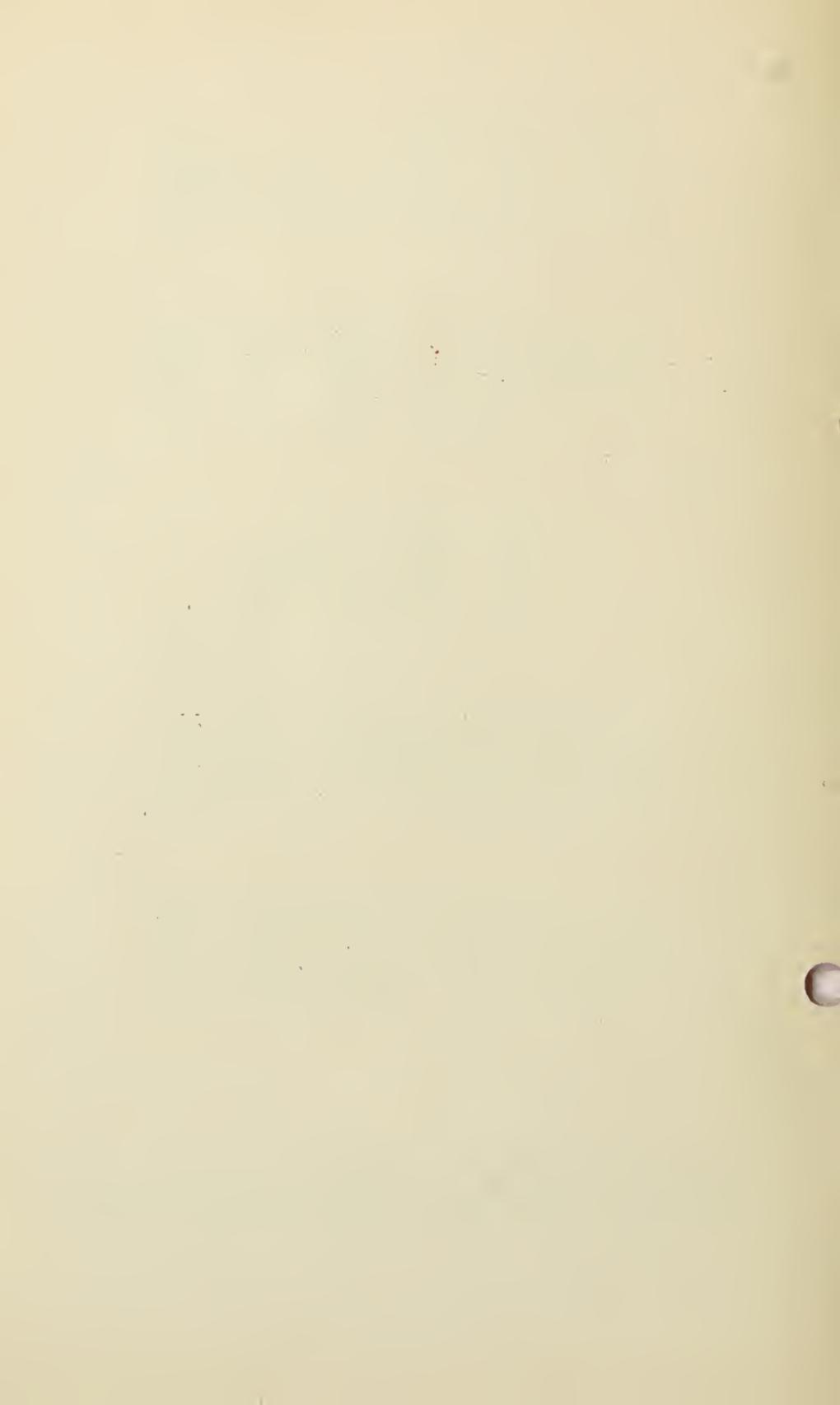
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## 74th

# ANNUAL REPORT

July 1956-June 1957

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**74th Annual Report****1st JULY 1956 TO 30th JUNE 1957****INTRODUCTION**

THIS Report tells of a year of solid achievement and of a growing appreciation of the Society's work. Particularly welcome was a significant increase in membership and thus a reversal of the trend downwards which began ten years ago.

There was also, and for the second year running, a substantial increase in the sales of pamphlets. Rather more than usual were in the *Tract* series and reached a wide non-Fabian readership. There was, for example, *Socialism and the Intellectuals* by Kingsley Amis, which has continued to be much discussed; and, of a quite different character, *Plan for Industrial Pensions* by a group of trade unionists. This took a stage further proposals made in earlier Fabian pamphlets for a national superannuation scheme and helped to prepare the way for the Labour Party's own policy statement. When legislation on this results, it will be right to claim yet another major social reform as largely a Fabian achievement.

The Executive Committee continued to be concerned with the best means of associating members more closely with the Society's work and, in particular, with keeping in touch with members outside the metropolitan area. As mentioned elsewhere, regional meetings were held in Leeds, Birmingham and Cardiff, and it has been agreed to continue informal regular consultation on these lines.

Independence and the absence of a collective policy beyond a belief in democratic socialism have long been the Society's main source of strength. But relationships of confidence with the Labour Movement as a whole are also essential if Fabian work is to get the attention it deserves. There are clear signs that these relationships have been strengthened. There was a marked increase in the number of subscribing Labour parties and a higher proportion of Labour M.P.s and parliamentary candidates were Fabians than for some years. At local level, Labour organisers and agents took part in the formation of new societies or turned to existing ones for help. Pamphlets were sold in large quantities to trade unions and discussions for a major research project took place between the Colonial Bureau and the Co-operative Movement. It is a measure of the Society's standing that, as the Honorary Treasurer shows, direct financial support for our work from the Labour Movement has remained undiminished.

This Report, then, is satisfactory and optimistic. But it does not imply that our problems are solved. In the present inflationary conditions, an income rising at the rate of 4 per cent. a year is required to maintain the level of activities. The more individual members can do to spread the good name of Fabianism, the greater the chance of achieving stability.

## MEMBERSHIP

Individual national membership showed its first increase since the immediate post-war bulge. A special appeal in the *New Statesman and Nation* in May helped to accentuate the increase, but the tendency, detected in the latter part of the previous year, was already gently upwards. Special attention continued to be paid to the recruitment of younger people and, as a result, a high proportion of new members was under 30.

The increase in the number of subscribing bodies was also larger than for some years and the number of Constituency Labour Parties now belonging to the Society is pleasing.

The decline in the membership of local societies was smaller than for several years. Past experience suggests that trends in local membership follow national trends with a time-lag, so there are prospects of a further improvement soon.

### Membership Figures at June 30th

				1956	1957	Change
<b>NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS</b>						
Full Members .. .. .. ..				2368	2415	+ 47
Associates .. .. .. ..				97	102	+ 5
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				2465	2517	+ 52
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		20s.	30s.	50s.	60s.	Total
New Members .. ..		130	45	18	123	316
Resignations, etc. .. ..		127	56	9	72	264
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SUBSCRIBING BODIES				1956	1957	Change
Labour Parties, Co-ops., Trade Unions				130	151	+ 21
Libraries and miscellaneous bodies..				91	97	+ 6
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<b>BUREAUX MEMBERS</b>						
Colonial Bureau .. .. ..				233	254	+ 21
International Bureau .. .. ..				49	50	+ 1
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<b>LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETIES</b>						
Local Societies (total at 30th June)..				86	86	—
Membership of Local Societies ..				2681	2573	- 108
(April, 1956—March, 1957)						

## GENERAL

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members Elected: John Diamond (Hon. Treasurer, unopposed) and (in order of ballot) Harold Wilson, R. H. S. Crossman, Ritchie Calder, Margaret Cole, Kenneth Younger, Austen Albu, C. A. R. Crosland, Arthur Skeffington, Irene White, John Parker, Mary Stewart, H. D. Hughes, Roy Jenkins, G. Gardiner, D. Healey, Arthur Blenkinsop, B. Abel-Smith.

Members Co-opted: R. W. Evely, Lord Faringdon, Anne Jackson, J. R. Sargent, G. Thomson, P. Thurman.

### OFFICERS

For the fifth successive year the President of the Society was G. D. H. Cole.

Arthur Skeffington, M.P., was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee and Roy Jenkins, M.P., Vice-Chairman. John Parker, M.P., was elected Honorary Secretary. John Diamond had already been returned the Honorary Treasurer in the annual ballot.

### COMMITTEES

Members of Committees appointed by the Executive Committee are listed in Appendix 'A.'

### STAFF

The Executive Committee would like to thank for their loyal service all members of the Staff who left during the year.

CLIVE DAVIES, Bookshop Manager, was succeeded by BRIAN GROVES just after the end of the year covered by this Report.

MARGUERITE APLIN left after seven years on the Staff, mainly spent in charge of the membership department and on publications.

Other changes left the complement unchanged at 10 full-time and 6 part-time persons.

During the year there was some improvement in the general level of staff salaries. But the Executive Committee remained aware of how far remuneration fell short of a just return for the very real contribution of the Staff to the Society's success and standing.

### DELEGATES

Labour Party Conference: W. T. Rodgers.

London Labour Party Conference: Arthur Skeffington, M.P.

London Labour Party Executive Committee: Arthur Skeffington, M.P.

### VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE

The Executive Committee would like to thank those members who gave valuable voluntary assistance during the year. In particular it would mention A. E. Holman for regular work in the general office, Charles Cannell, John Millwood, and Mrs. Pease for regular help in the Colonial

Bureau, Mrs. Mary Winchester who continued to give almost full-time voluntary help in the Colonial Bureau, and members of the Central London Fabian Society also gave regular assistance.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Saturday, November 24th, 1956. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were accepted. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Pegg, Robertson and Co. for their services as Honorary Auditors was carried unanimously, and they were asked to serve again for 1956-57.

The Report of the Enquiry Committee was received, and the Executive Committee made clear its acceptance of all the unanimous recommendations in it.

The following amendments to the Rules were agreed:

*Rule 9, line 8: delete 'Five' and substitute 'Eight' (Thus: 'Eight members shall be a quorum for the Executive Committee').*

*Rule 10, lines 7-8: delete 'All ballot papers must be returned within 28 days of issue' and substitute 'All ballot papers must be returned within a period, to be determined by the Executive Committee, which shall be not less than 28 days and not more than 56 days after the day of issue.'*

## REGIONAL MEETINGS

A regional members' meeting, to discuss the work of the Society and ways in which consultation between the Executive Committee and the membership might be made more effective, was held in Leeds in April. Just after the end of the year covered by this Report, similar meetings were held in Birmingham and Cardiff. Attendance was, on the whole, small, but those present found the meetings useful and favoured them becoming a regular event. The Executive Committee has since agreed that they should continue and arrangements are being completed for 1958.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS, 1956

Two weeks of Summer Schools were again held. The first, at Frensham Heights, was entitled 'Towards Equality.' Lecturers were Thomas Balogh, C. A. R. Crosland, David Eversley, Douglas Jay, M.P., Norman MacKenzie, Hilary Marquand, M.P., and Barbara Wootton. John Parker, M.P., was Director, and Zena Parker was Secretary.

The second week was at Wiston House, Steyning. The subject was 'Socialism and Human Relations.' Lecturers were Brian Abel-Smith, Austen Albu, M.P., Margaret Cole, Edward Hyams, Joseph Mensah, R. S. W. Pollard and C. F. Powell. Arthur Blenkinsop, M.P., directed and Sybil Jeger was Secretary.

There were 116 full-time students (of whom 70 per cent. were members of the Society) and 16 part-timers.

## WEEK-END SCHOOLS

The five week-end schools were attended by a total of almost 350 students.

The Autumn Week-end School at Wiston House was on 'Transferring Power in the Colonies.' The Director was Ritchie Calder, and the lecturers, Orton Chirwa, Dingle Foot, James Johnson, M.P., and Eirene White, M.P.

The New Year School, held at Beatrice Webb House, was entitled 'Mass Communications.' The Director was Ian Mikardo, M.P., and Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P., Sydney Jacobson, Gerald Kaufman and David Pickard lectured.

A week-end school in February, at Beatrice Webb House, was entitled 'The New Look in Eastern Europe.' The programme, arranged by the International Bureau, is mentioned on page 13.

The Easter School was also held at Beatrice Webb House. The subject was 'Science and the Community,' and the Director, James Callaghan, M.P. Lecturers were Austen Albu, M.P., Ritchie Calder, John Moore and Sir Solly Zuckerman.

An Under-Thirties School was held at Wiston House at the end of June. The subject was 'Socialism and Liberty,' with R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., as Director. Lecturers were Denis Bell, Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P., James Callaghan, M.P., Roy Jenkins, M.P., and R. J. Mellish, M.P.

## AUTUMN LECTURES

The 1956 series of Autumn Lectures had as its theme 'Socialism's New Look.' Two viewpoints were given at each session. The lecturers were Thomas Balogh and F. W. Mulley, M.P., on 'Has Capitalism Changed?', John Strachey, M.P., and R. Palme Dutt on 'Has Communism Changed?', Allan Flanders and Peter Shore on 'How Relevant is Public Ownership?' and C. A. R. Crosland and Lord Altrincham on 'Is Equality Worth It?'. The series was again held in conjunction with the Central London Fabian Society, and the average attendance was 260.

A series of four lectures was held in Cardiff and Gloucester. The speakers were Peter Shore, C. A. R. Crosland, Barbara Castle, M.P., W. Griffiths, M.P., and Lady Megan Lloyd George, M.P. Average attendance was 150 at Cardiff and 40 at Gloucester.

A series planned for the North was abandoned mainly owing to difficulties during the Suez crisis. However, T. Balogh spoke at Nottingham and Leeds, and Roy Jenkins, M.P., at Leeds.

## OTHER EVENTS

A Tea Meeting, held at the Labour Party Conference at Blackpool, was addressed by Hugh Gaitskell, M.P. About 130 people attended.

On the evening of the Annual General Meeting a reception was held, by courtesy of Lord Faringdon, at his house in Brompton Square. About 80 members were present.

## BOOKSHOP

In common with the rest of the trade, the bookshop continued to feel the pressure of rising book prices. Nevertheless the turnover of general literature was well maintained.

As mentioned elsewhere in this Report, Fabian sales were considerably greater than in the previous year. The demand for pamphlets from what is the only comprehensive selling-point for them was constant and often heavy. Other pamphlets of which large quantities were sold included *World Socialism Re-stated* (G. D. H. Cole) and Labour Party Policy Statements, particularly *National Superannuation*. Amongst books, best sellers were *Fabian International Essays* (ed. T. E. N. McKitterick and Kenneth Younger), *The Future of Socialism* (C. A. R. Crosland), *Contemporary Capitalism* (John Strachey) and *The Fateful Years 1931-45* (Hugh Dalton). Penguins that sold well included *Middle East Crisis* (Guy Wint and Peter Calvocoressi) and *Twentieth Century Socialism* (Socialist Union).

Numbers of non-Fabian pamphlets and periodicals were stocked, even when not financially rewarding, as part of a policy of providing both service to the Labour Movement and a centre for socialist information. In the season, Christmas cards were sold.

Attention continued to be paid to improving the mail order side of business, particularly overseas, and to giving the advice and personal service essential to the success of a small specialist shop.

During the year the Executive Committee reviewed the question of whether the continued existence of the shop was justified as the cost of maintaining it represented a net drain on the Society's resources. In particular it carefully considered the probable economies that would result from closing down.

The Committee recognised that the shop had a dual function as a display and retail centre for Fabian publications and as a bookshop in the accepted sense; and that the former role was not in dispute. The question was: what financial saving could be made by ceasing to stock books and were there any other factors to be taken into account?

It was clear to the Committee that, allowing for the re-distribution of overheads, the saving would certainly not exceed £250 and might be considerably less. Against this was the withdrawal of a service to members and, perhaps more important, an end to the bookshop associated with the Labour Movement having the most complete range of socialist publications. Although this propaganda function could not be easily measured, it should not be lightly set aside.

The Committee also bore in mind the probability that an erroneous inference would be drawn from the closing the bookshop at a time when the Society's influence was in fact again increasing.

It was therefore agreed that, for the time being at least, the bookshop should be continued in the accommodation at the rear of the premises to which it moved in 1955, while everything should be done to extend its custom and increase its effectiveness.

## PUBLICATIONS

Fifteen pamphlets were published, two more than in the previous year, and over twenty-two thousand copies were sent free to members of the Society. The total sale of pamphlets was over twenty-one thousand, an increase of over forty per cent. on 1955-56. In all, including journals and *Fabian News*, about one hundred thousand copies of publications were again distributed.

Pamphlets continued to receive wide notice, both in the popular press and in specialist journals. There is evidence that they reached an influential readership.

Apart from pamphlets mentioned elsewhere as being the responsibility of particular committees, there were published *What is Wrong with the Trade Unions?*, by G. D. H. Cole, and *Socialism and the Intellectuals*, by Kingsley Amis, both of which became best-sellers. At the end of the year a pamphlet in the biographical series and a two-part discussion pamphlet on land nationalisation were advanced. Further biographical pamphlets were projected.

*Fabian News* continued monthly and contained news items on Fabians and Fabian activities, announcements and reports of meetings and schools, short articles, correspondence and book notices.

*Fabian Journal* was published, as usual, three times during the year. *Fabian Journal*, 19, contained articles on the economics of Conservatism by J. R. Sargent, automation by Austen Albu, M.P., aims of social policy by C. A. R. Crosland, the Herbert Report on electricity supply by a Correspondent, and pensions by Brian Abel-Smith; G. D. H. Cole wrote the Newsletter. *Fabian Journal*, 20, contained articles on conscription by Wilfred Fienburgh, M.P., Labour policy-making by Samuel H. Beer, tax avoidance by John Diamond, and the public libraries service by Jeremy Barker (based on a local societies enquiry); there was a review by Lord Pakenham, and Arthur Skeffington, M.P., wrote the Newsletter. *Fabian Journal*, 21, contained articles on the European Common Market by Roy Jenkins, M.P., public opinion and the Suez crisis by Harvey Cole, and the case for housing associations by Rosalie Alford; there was a review by W. N. Ewer, and W. T. Rodgers wrote the Newsletter.

During the year the following were published:

### Research Series

182. *Plan for Coal Distribution*. A Fabian Group.
183. *Bulk Purchase and the Colonies*. T. F. Betts.
184. *Facts for Socialists*. H. J. D. Cole.
185. *Justice and the Administration*. Gordon Borrie.
186. *Colonial Development Corporation*. C. W. Dumpleton.
187. *Control of Inflation*. Geoffrey Maynard.
188. *Home Ownership*. D. L. Munby.

**Tracts**

300. *Socialism and Nationalisation.* Hugh Gaitskell.
301. *What is Wrong with the Trade Unions?* G. D. H. Cole.
302. *The Kenya Question: An African Answer.* Tom Mboya.
303. *Plan for Industrial Pensions.* A Trade Union Group.
304. *Socialism and the Intellectuals.* Kingsley Amis.
305. *The Privy Council as a Second Chamber.* Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P.
306. *The New India.* Colin Jackson.
307. *Disarmament—The Way Ahead.* Hugh Thomas.

**Others**

*Fabian Journal.* Three issues.

*Fabian News.* Eleven issues.

*Venture.* Eleven issues.

*Fabian International Review.* One issue.

*Fabian International Essays.* (Published by Hogarth Press.)

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## HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

*Chairman: H. D. Hughes*

*Secretary: W. T. Rodgers*

The resources available to the department allowed activities to continue at about the same level as the previous year. This meant that some publications had to be held back and priorities were very carefully scrutinised. The reception given to pamphlets confirmed the view that their quality remained high.

The department's work was influenced by the need to take account of the Labour Party's policy-making programme, providing for both discussion in advance of new statements and detailed research on aspects of agreed policy. An example of the first was *Plan for Industrial Pensions*. This carried a stage further the pioneering work of earlier Fabian pamphlets on a national superannuation scheme. An example of the second was *Home Ownership*. This took as its starting point the statement in 'Homes of the Future' that Labour intended to help those who wished to buy a house to do so, and analysed existing owner-occupation and building finance. Similarly, at the end of the year, a pamphlet dealing with the practical details of Labour's plan for the municipalisation of rented accommodation was well advanced.

A major contribution to the discussion of public ownership was Hugh Gaitskell's *Socialism and Nationalisation*. This examined the traditional case for nationalisation and practical experience of it and touched on alternative forms for future public ownership. *Plan for Coal Distribution* made the case for a reform of coal distribution which would include bringing large merchants into public ownership. The problem of safeguarding the rights of the individual against the activities of the State and the danger of a 'new despotism' was discussed in *Justice and the Administration* by Gordon Borrie. *The Privy Council as a Second Chamber* by Anthony Wedgwood Benn put forward an alternative to the present House of Lords as a constructive solution to the problem of reform. *The Control of Inflation* by Geoffrey Maynard considered the causes of post-war inflation and the way in which planning could be used to restrain it. In a completely new edition of *Facts for Socialists*—the 15th—H. J. D. Cole dealt with facts about income and wealth, production and investment, and the social services.

At the end of the year a pamphlet on wage policy was ready for the press: and three pamphlets on legal problems—the law of trade unions, the machinery of law reform, and the legal aid service—were in an advanced stage of preparation. Amongst pamphlets under weigh were ones dealing with advertising, town and country planning, the machine tools industry, taxation, mental health, municipal trading and consumer education. It was also likely that a book on transport policy would be published as a report to the Society.

Two further private conferences on problems of nationalised industry were held. They discussed wage, salary and recruitment policy, joint

consultation, and education and training. It was agreed that they served an excellent purpose in bringing together people from Parliament, the trade unions, the Universities and nationalised industries who are concerned with the problems of nationalisation, and that further similar conferences should be held.

An informal group of experts produced memoranda on the public schools and on the Universities for the Labour Party Committee preparing the policy statement on education. Another group prepared evidence to be submitted to the Home Office Departmental Committee on Children and Younger Persons ('the Ingleby Committee').

The closer liaison established the previous year between the department and the Local Societies Committee in the planning of local research was maintained.

As always, the work of the department included dealing with requests for advice and information from members. In turn the Committee remained on the look out for members qualified and willing to help in its work.

Research was greatly facilitated once again by generous financial support, details of which appear in the Report of the Honorary Treasurer.

## FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU

**Chairman: Lord Faringdon**

**Secretary: Hilda Selwyn Clarke**

There was no major change in the staffing of the Bureau. James Callaghan, Lionel Elvin and Colin Jackson joined the Advisory Committee.

The Working Committee continued to meet with Arthur Creech Jones as Chairman.

The Bureau continued to benefit from generous voluntary assistance, which is mentioned on page 19.

### POLITICAL ACTION

Labour Members of Parliament and Peers continued to receive help and briefing on matters to be taken up in Parliament. Important issues raised with Members of Parliament included franchise and representation in East and Central Africa; racial discrimination in the Central African Federation; agricultural development, educational facilities and representation of Africans on public bodies in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Particular attention was directed to Tanganyika's inadequacy in higher education and in opportunities for training in the United Kingdom and Makerere College compared with Uganda. A series of questions was asked on, *inter alia*, living conditions and social services in the Seychelles, election procedures in Nigeria, economic aid for Ghana, the shortage of doctors in many colonies, new conditions of service for colonial civil servants, deportations, the incidence of disease and the state of housing in British Guiana, means of allaying African fears about the East African High Commission, non-publication of reports on colonial affairs, mineral rights in Swaziland, censorship of films in Northern Rhodesia, the state of education in Sierra Leone, and problems of co-operatives in various territories.

### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Eleven issues of *Venture* and three pamphlets were published—*The Kenya Question: an African Answer* by Tom Mboya, with a foreword by Margery Perham, *Bulk Purchase and the Colonies* by T. F. Betts, and the *Colonial Development Corporation* by C. W. Dumpleton.

A major research task was the preparation of documents for a conference on *Franchise and Representation* in East and Central Africa which took place in December. A short report of the conference was published in the February issue of *Venture* and steps were taken to prepare a pamphlet based on the work done.

A report, privately available, on *Aid to Territories Attaining Independence* arose from the debates on the Ghana Independence Bill and the ending of all contributions previously made to the Gold Coast from the United Kingdom through the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund and the Colonial Development Corporation. Another report, *Definition of our Attitude to the Future of Central African Federation*, arose from the con-

tinuing pressure from the Prime Minister of the Federation and the European settlers for modifications of the existing constitution in order to achieve greater freedom from colonial rule in respect of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

In the Kenya African Elections in March, 1957, the multiple vote was used for the first time. The Labour Party had already condemned the multiple vote on democratic principles, but a statistical analysis of the way the vote operated, which revealed the virtual disfranchisement of Africans with one vote only, was prepared by the Bureau.

A full examination of the issues likely to arise at the impending Nigerian Constitutional Conference was prepared and circulated at the request of the Commonwealth Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party.

The Preparation of the new volume of *Fabian Colonial Essays* to be edited by Arthur Creech Jones proceeded, and the manuscript went to press shortly after the end of the year covered by this Report.

Discussion took place with the Co-operative Union, the Co-operative Party and the Political Committee of the London Co-operative Society on a proposal for a research project on co-operation in the colonies, and agreement was reached for work to begin.

## MEETINGS

Private meetings for members in the House of Commons were arranged whenever possible. Julius Nyerere, President of the Tanganyika African National Union, spoke on Nationalism; Mr. Ofori-Atta discussed the Gold Coast Opposition case; Mr. C. Ikpeazu spoke on corruption in E. Nigeria; Irene White, M.P., who was a member of the Parliamentary delegation, reported on Kenya; T. E. M. McKitterick spoke on British Guiana; James Johnson, M.P., spoke on Central Africa. A successful week-end school on 'The Transfer of Power' was held in November and is mentioned elsewhere in this Report.

A successful International Reception to celebrate Ghana Independence, organised by Central London Fabian Society with assistance from the Bureau, was held in March.

By kind permission of Lord Faringdon, a reception was given at his home in June for delegates to the Nigerian Conference.

The Bureau continued to maintain contacts with the leaders of the Labour or nationalist movements overseas. There were opportunities for discussion with labour and trade union leaders from the West Indies, Fiji, Mauritius, Singapore, Malaya and Hongkong, as well as nationalist leaders from the African territories. The Bureau and members of the Advisory Committee gave hospitality to delegations and Ministers visiting Britain. It also helped in drafting petitions and working-out constitutional proposals. The Bureau also dealt with many enquiries and requests for information from Fabians at home and overseas.

Details of membership appear elsewhere. There were 275 regular subscribers (non-members) to *Venture*.

## FABIAN INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

*Chairman: Kenneth Younger*

*Secretary: R. L. Leonard*

The publications and activities of the Bureau were maintained roughly at the level of the previous year.

In accordance with the decision reported last year, *Fabian International Review*, 12, was the last issue to appear. It contained articles on the American Presidential Election by David C. Williams, Disarmament by Frank Beswick, M.P., Euratom by John Edwards, M.P., and Sino-Soviet Relations by R. H. Parker. Book notes were contributed by W. T. Rodgers. The *Review* appeared for nearly four years, under the editorship of Kenneth Younger. Though the contributions were of a high standard, it achieved only a small circulation, and it was felt that a more useful purpose could be served by discontinuing the *Review* and publishing instead a larger number of pamphlets. It is hoped that this will prove possible, though it is never easy to find suitably qualified authors.

The main event of the year was the publication in January by Hogarth Press of *Fabian International Essays*. The volume was edited by Kenneth Younger and T. E. M. McKitterick, with a preface by Hugh Gaitskell. The Essayists were Richard Lowenthal on Co-existence with Soviet Communism, Thomas Balogh on The Political Economy of the Cold War, John Strachey on British Defence Policy, T. E. M. McKitterick on The Middle East, Kenneth Younger on The Far East, P. C. Gordon Walker on Policy for the Commonwealth, and Denis Healey on Beyond Power Politics. Though the Suez and Hungarian crises occurred after the book had gone to press, they did not greatly out-date the Essays, which dealt mainly with longer-term issues. The book received a wide and, on the whole, friendly press, and sales were satisfactory.

Two pamphlets were published during the year, both of topical interest. *The New India*, by Colin Jackson, an assessment of the first decade of Indian independence appeared on the eve of the Indian elections. *Disarmament—the Way Ahead*, by Hugh Thomas, was published at the beginning of the London disarmament talks.

At the end of the year, *Commonwealth Future* by Lord Listowel was about to be published, and two further pamphlets, on the international control of waterways and on economic aid to under-developed countries, were well advanced. A preliminary draft of a guide to European Socialist parties was awaited, and a number of other studies were in their early stages.

A successful, well-attended residential week-end school on *The New Look in Eastern Europe* was held in February. Kenneth Younger was the Director, and the other lecturers were Lucjan Blit, Paul Ignotus, Richard Lowenthal and Hugh Seton-Watson. In March, a private conference of experts was held at which a preliminary draft of the projected pamphlet on economic aid was discussed,

Private members' meetings were held at the House of Commons and were generally well supported. Speakers were Lord Lucan, Ian Mikardo and John Rankin on China, John Strachey on Poland, Peter Wiles on Hungary, H. D. Hughes on the Soviet Union, T. Little on Egypt, Hugh Thomas on the United Nations Disarmament Talks and Colin Jackson on Jordan and Cyprus. Thomas Balogh, Richard Lowenthal and T. E. M. McKitterick also attended meetings at which their contributions to *Fabian International Essays* were discussed.

A number of overseas visitors were welcomed during the year. Routine work included that of finding people in a position to contribute constructively to the research and publications of the Bureau.

## LOCAL SOCIETIES

*Chairman: Arthur Skeffington, M.P.*      *Secretary: Dorothy Fox*

The financial year of local societies runs from April 1st to March 31st. Comparative membership figures for the last three years are as follows:

1st April, 1954—31st March, 1955 ..	3,033 (94 societies)
1st April, 1955—31st March, 1956 ..	2,681 (86 societies)
1st April, 1956—31st March, 1957 ..	2,573 (84 societies)

In addition to the affiliation fees paid by all societies, donations or double affiliation fees were received from Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Cheltenham, Edinburgh, Forest Hill, Gloucester, Grimsby, Kilmarnock, Leeds, Malden, Manchester, Meopham, North London, Southampton, Sutton, Tunbridge Wells, Tyneside and Walthamstow. A reception organised by Central London to celebrate the independence of Ghana resulted in a donation to the Colonial Bureau.

In the period, the following eight societies ceased to hold meetings: Bromley, Chelmsford, Chester, Dewsbury, Halifax (which merged with Sowerby), Luton, Preston and Rugby. Between April 1st and June 30th, 1957, Wakefield also closed down.

Six new societies were recognised during the year: Barking, Eastbourne, Falkirk, Letchworth, St. Andrews University, and Stevenage. Between April 1st and June 30th, 1957, Barnsley, North Staffs and Watford were recognised. The fall in membership during the year was comparatively slight. At the end of it, convenors were working in several centres where societies seemed likely to result in the autumn of 1957.

The Distribution Sub-Committee considered ways of publicising the work of local societies and of finding new convenors. In the autumn of 1956, a letter from the Chairman of the Local Societies Committee, quoting a message from Harold Wilson, was sent to all constituency Labour parties drawing attention to the value of local societies. There is no doubt that it played a part in consolidating the reputation of societies in the Labour Movement as a whole and encouraged agents to help in finding convenors to establish new societies. Regional organisers of the Labour Party continued to be helpful.

Early in the year, the Southern Region of the Transport and General Workers Union sent a circular letter to branches commending the work of local societies.

## MEETINGS

The Annual House of Commons Tea Meeting was held in July, when George Thomson was host. At the local societies tea at the Blackpool

Conference of the Labour Party, R. H. S. Crossman spoke about the policy statement *Personal Freedom*. At the local societies meeting on the morning of the Society's Annual General Meeting, Anthony Wedgwood Benn spoke of enquiries into the public relations of public bodies.

A tea-reception for the Chairman of the Labour Party, Margaret Herbison, was held after the Annual Conference of the Labour Party's Southern Region.

Autumn lectures held in Gloucester and Cardiff in conjunction with societies there are mentioned elsewhere in the Report.

## RESEARCH

The enquiry into library facilities undertaken on the initiative of the Grimsby Society led to an article in the November *Fabian Journal*. This was later reviewed in the Library Association News-Sheet and led to correspondence. In the November *Fabian News* Grimsby described the growth of its own local research and ways in which it had helped the Labour group on the Council.

A report by Arthur Blenkinsop on an inquiry into hospitals and their relations with the public appeared in the March *Fabian News*.

Replies to a questionnaire on retirement problems were used by Peter Townsend just after the end of the year covered by this Report for an article in *Fabian Journal* which was the subject of a leading article in the *Manchester Guardian*. Replies to a housing questionnaire were to be incorporated by James MacColl into a pamphlet on the municipal ownership of rented accommodation.

Other questionnaires distributed were on local authority co-options, reorganising education on comprehensive lines and local museums.

It was clear that questionnaires were leading not only to the collection of much useful information but to widespread interest and discussion. This was particularly true of the education questionnaire. Some of the results of this were drawn upon by George Thomson in a debate in the Scottish Standing Committee of the House of Commons.

Several societies, of which Cardiff particularly might be mentioned, carried out their own local research projects. A survey by Wolverhampton of some of the problems caused by the town's growing coloured population was noticed by the *Manchester Guardian* and other papers. Greater use than some time was made of Fabian pamphlets as a basis for discussion.

At the request of the Hartlepools Labour Party, a small photographic exhibition of the history of the Society was prepared, and the possibility of a fuller and more permanent record is being borne in mind.

## CONCLUSION

During the year, not far short of a thousand meetings were held throughout the country under the auspices of local societies. Many of

these were attended by representatives of other sections of the Labour Movement and interested outsiders as well as regular members.

The success of research continued to be an encouraging feature: over fifty societies have taken part in this work over the last eight years and more than thirty were contributing to current projects. An incidental but important consequence has been the drawing into the Fabian Society of people whose knowledge and experience might not otherwise be so fully used (if used at all) by the Labour Movement.

## OBITUARY

The list of members who have died during the current year again makes sad reading, even if we note that it shows both the distinction of members of the Society and their faithfulness to us over many years.

The loss which will perhaps be most felt to the Labour Movement is that of DON DAINES, for years secretary of the London Labour Party and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the London County Council, who died early in the year after a painful illness. No less serious is the unexpected death of MADELEINE ROBINSON, better known in earlier years as Madeleine Symons, who organised women workers under Mary Macarthur during World War I and was for a long time one of the most distinguished and enlightened of London magistrates; her work as Chairman of the Kensington Children's Court and in advising social workers and her fellow-magistrates will not soon be forgotten.

Both these were members of such long standing that the date of their joining has long been unknown. So was REGINALD POTT, friend of the Webbs, member and Chairman of the London County Council, many years on the Fabian Executive, and one of the founders of the Dartmouth Street Trust.

In wider fields we have to note the death of A. P. WADSWORTH, Editor of the *Manchester Guardian* and a Fabian of twenty years' standing; of DR. AMBEDKAR of New Delhi; the champion of the repressed castes of India; and of JUAN NEGRIN, the last Prime Minister of Republican Spain before it was crushed by the Fascist powers. F. X. WEISS was Professor in Prague before the betrayal of Czechoslovakia at Munich; JACK CARNEY, an old friend of the Society and a frequent contributor to *Plebs*.

Other members with very long service include A. H. MAY of Ealing, who died just before completing his fiftieth year of membership, R. ALDINGTON of Evesham, H. W. LEWIS of Wimbledon, MISS W. M. BELCHAMBER of Blandford, J. W. MACALPINE of Kensington, and E. C. WILLIS of Aldeburgh.

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### HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

This report must start where so many finish—with a tribute to the Society's General Secretary, Bill Rodgers, and all his staff. For not only is the work they do always of first importance, but this year in particular each one of them has borne an extra burden. An increase in activity has been carried by a reduced number. Indeed, the resulting saving in expenditure was one of the main reasons for our showing an overall surplus for the year of £104. True, it is a surplus of only 1 per cent., but a very welcome one all the same.

Another reason was the maintenance of our income from both members and supporters. The detailed membership figures are shown elsewhere in the Annual Report: so far as outside support is concerned, it is with a real sense of gratitude that I record help from the following Trade Unions: T. & G.W.U., N.U.M. (through its districts), N.U.G.M.W., A.E.U., U.P.W., N.U.P.B. & P.W., T.S.S.A., N.U.P.E., U.S.D.A.W., the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, the Confederation of Health Services Employees, the Amalgamated Weavers Association, the United Society of Boilermakers, the Sheet Metal Workers Society, the Boot and Shoe Operatives, the Musicians Union, and the Agricultural Workers. Valuable financial help towards our research also came from the Labour Party, the T.U.C., the Sara Hall Charity, the Passfield Trust, and several Co-operative organisations.

These two items of subscriptions and donations produced a total, in round figures, of £9,250. The following table shows the purposes for which this money was used, together with comparative figures for the previous two years:

		1956-57	1955-56	1954-55
Colonial Bureau ..	..	3,500	3,250	3,250
International Bureau ..	..	1,000	1,250	1,250
Home Research ..	..	2,750	2,500	2,250
Bookshop ..	..	750	1,000	1,000
Schools, etc.	..	1,250	1,250	1,250
		£9,250	£9,250	£9,000

For 1957-58 our expenditure must rise by at least £500: increased rates, postage, salary scales and interest on overdraft—and for the sake of future Fabian historians I must record the fact that at the time of going to press Bank Rate is 7 per cent.—render this inevitable. We shall do well to maintain our outside support: we must, therefore, increase our membership income. All we need is a membership rising at the rate of 200 a year: surely a modest target.

Once more I acknowledge our deep indebtedness to our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Pegg, Robertson & Co.

JOHN DIAMOND.

## BALANCE SHEET AS

LIABILITIES										
								£	s.	d.
1956	Sundry Funds—									
1000	Edwards Bequest Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000	0	0
12	Scholarship Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	0
10	Women's Group Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	10
114	L.S.C. Development Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	12	2
105	Pease Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	0	0
1241								1197	10	0
2419	Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	...	...	2746	18	5
2852	Bank Overdraft	...	...	...	...	...	...	2937	16	3
£6512								£6882	4	8

We have examined the accounts of the Fabian Society for the year ended 30th June, have required. We certify that the Balance Sheet above set forth is properly drawn up so as our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Society's books.

25th September, 1957.

12. Coleman Street,  
London, E.C.4.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE												
1955-56							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Administrative Expenses—											
5679	Salaries and Allowances	...	...	...	...	...	5681	16	6			
195	State Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	194	2	5			
240	Pensions	...	...	...	...	...	240	0	0			
98	Travel and Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	93	0	5			
477	General Office Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	636	12	7			
33	Research Grants and Subscriptions Payable...	...	...	...	...	...	42	18	1			
502	General Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	494	8	11			
157	Telephone	...	...	...	...	...	152	0	5			
58'	Postage	...	...	...	...	...	687	17	10			
7968										8222	17	2
	Establishment Charges—											
407	Rates, Lighting, Heating, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	486	6	9			
466	Maintenance, Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	185	19	0			
874										672	5	9
1327	Publications: Free Issues	...	...	...	...	...				1471	9	0
	Other Expenses—											
162	Interest on Overdraft	...	...	...	...	...	162	9	0			
76	Affiliation Fees	...	...	...	...	...	79	12	0			
238										242	1	0
94	Balance, being Surplus for the year	...	...	...	...	...				104	9	4
£10501										£10713	2	3

**AT 30th JUNE, 1957**

	ASSETS						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1956												
	Fixed Assets—											
	Freehold Property (Bernard Shaw Fund—not valued)									—		
34	Investments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	328	18	4
329	Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	0	0
85	Library	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
448										413	18	4
	Current Assets—											
1116	Stocks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1474	9	8
1415	Debtors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1535	16	1
24	Cash	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	13	9
2555										3063	19	6
	Accumulated Deficit—											
3603	Balance at 1st July, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3508	16	2
94	Deduct: Surplus for the Year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	9	4
3509										3404	6	10
£6512										£6882	4	8

1957, with the books and vouchers. We have obtained all the information and explanations we to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best of

PEGG, ROBERTSON & CO.,

### *Chartered Accountants.*

YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1957

		INCOME						£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
1955-56		4192	Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...	4192	5	6
	4192		Donations—									
	2521		General and Special	...	...	...	...	...	...	2569	16	0
	2500		D.S.T.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2500	0	0
	32		L.S.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	13	6
	5053		Other Income—									
	37		Royalties Received	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	11	0
	27		Advertising	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	9	6
	439		Bookshop	...	...	...	...	...	...	599	13	1
	353		Functions	...	...	...	...	...	...	265	13	8
	400		Rent Receivable	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	0	0
	1256											
										1423	7	3
	£1050									£10713	2	3

## APPENDIX A

### MEMBERS OF MAIN COMMITTEES

(as at June 30th, 1957)

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